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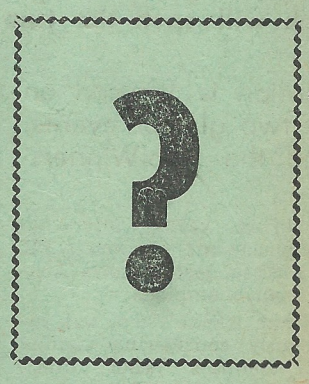
CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

Aust. Federation to elect new President on Saturday

The annual session of the Australian Federation Council will be held in Sydney this weekend.

In all probability a new Australian Federation President will be chosen to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Henry Seamonds.

The name of the nominee is being held secret and will only be released on Sunday after the delegates have endorsed him.



Who'll it be?

Non-club man tipped for position

Well informed soccer sources predict that the new President will be a well-known Sydney businessman at present not directly connected with soccer.

Delegates from Sydney, Newcastle, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, West Australia and Tasmania will also consider recommendations put forward by the Australian Federation Executive during its Management Committee meeting in Melbourne three weeks ago.

FIFA, naturally, will be one of the main subjects on the Council's agenda.

The two-day meeting, however, will discuss many other aspects of Australian soccer and we expect to be able to report on the delegates' decisions next week.

Recommendations which seem certain to be discussed by the national council include the Australian Interstate Championship, Australia Cup, National Junior Tournament and a standard, uniform code of refereeing throughout Australia.

Each of the seven Australian soccer centres will have two delegates on the council.

MAY BE SYDNEY MAN OF STANDING

As we reported in recent issues, both the Interstate Championship and Australia Cup will be streamlined, but it will be up to the delegates to accept the executives' recommendations.

The Australia Cup could include the top four clubs from every centre except West Australia.

The teams would have to play each other first with only one from every centre eligible to enter the quarter-finals.

Only Sydney and Victoria will have two quarter-finalists.

This will ensure interstate flavor in an advanced stage of the competition and reduce travelling costs.

The possibility of a tour by a leading European or South American club team will also be discussed.

The meeting will be held at the Sydney Hotel Board Room this Saturday and Sunday.

N.S.W. squad to be named next week

Victoria and South Australia have announced their State squads for the Australian Interstate Championships.

The first match in the 1963 series will feature Victoria versus "Sydney" or N.S.W. at the Sydney Sports Ground on Anzac Day, April 25.

As we go to press it is not yet known whether Newcastle will have its own team in the Championships.

This will be decided by the Australian Federation in Sydney this week-end.

The uncertainty which reigns at the moment on whether NSW will have one or two teams has caused a delay in NSW's plans for the Championship.

Sydney Federation vice-president Mr. T. Grimson told 'Soccer World' this week that nothing could be planned for a State- or Sydney-team until the Australian Federation's annual meeting this weekend made some decision on Newcastle's participation as a separate unit.

"We feel that the selection of a squad would also be premature at this stage, as many players are not in top condition yet', Mr. Grimson said.

"Once the position regarding Newcastle is cleared, we will take positive steps in ensuring that NSW, or Sydney whatever be the case, retains its national title.

"Actually, none of the dates mentioned for interstate matches are final until approved by the Federation Council; so we can only wait", the vice-president added.

The Victorians, keen to avenge last year's humiliating reversals — they finished last without scoring a point — are already well organised.

S.M. Hellas' Manny Poulakakis has been appointed coach of the squad which includes all the big names of Victorian soccer, including imports only seen in action a few times.

More players will be added as their form comes to light.

The current squad meets twice a week for training and congenial get-togethers.

The same goes for South Australia, to a slightly lesser degree, where officials are confident of fielding a team capable of challenging Sydney's supremacy in the interstate field.

As for Sydney fans they will have to wait for their representative team, but plans are certain to get under way within a week.

It is only a matter of Australian Federation policy which is retarding the selection of a squad.

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SYDNEY TRIAL RESULTS

Pan Hellenic — George Cross 5:3; George Cross — Prague 5:3; Hakoah — Bankstown 4:3; APIA — Wallsend 7:3; Yugal — Concordia 8:1; Budapest — Lake Macquarie 4:0; South Coast Utd. — Croatia 6:2; Pan Hellenic — Canterbury 2:2.

Ampol crowds up!

The four Ampol Cup matches, to date, have attracted 25,000 spectators—6,500 more than last year despite the fact that in 1962 there had been one more match owing to the first round replay between Budapest and Bankstown.

Corresponding games in the record-breaking 1961 Ampol series were attended by 30,000, but that year there were two more first round matches as sixteen clubs, including the top four from Division II. took part.

Big crowds tonight, at Redfern Oval, and next week at the Final could ensure that last year's 51,000 total Ampol attendance is topped.

Last year, however, there was a semi-final replay (Prague-Yugal) which further boosted the crowds.

In the event of another replay this year the standing Ampol aggregate attendance of 60,000 is certain to be beaten.

Tonight's semi - final crowd could, weather permitting, set a new Australian night club record crowd.

The record now stands at 12,500 for last year's Prague-Canterbury Ampol Final at Sydney Sports Ground.

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EDITORIAL

Day Of Destiny

March 9 may become a memorable day in the history of Australian soccer.

On that day the Australian Federation is expected to make far-reaching decisions about our present administration and future relations with the world.

The electing of a new Australian Chairman and the adopting of a revised and more conciliatory attitude towards FIFA re-admittance could be important milestones in our soccer life.

When we express the ardent hope that all decisions will be made after very careful and very thoughtful consideration, we feel we speak on behalf of the vast majority of true soccer lovers in this country.

They hope for a Chairman who, like the late Dr. H. Seamonds, will be able to lift himself well above the petty jealousies of club and interstate soccer and work for the good of the game as such.

As for the FIFA matter, one point should be well remembered by all concerned.

Some day, somehow, our return to the fold is inevitable.

Once that fact is recognised, the Australian Federation delegates should be able to work out an acceptable solution.

That is the very interest of Australian soccer and neither a few hotheads nor some malcontents should be permitted any longer to regard the FIFA-issue as their own personal, club-colored toy.

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EUROPEAN CUP TOURNAMENTS COME TO LIFE THIS WEEK

Although literally hundreds of Europe's soccer fields are still under snow, this week will spell the true start of the spring season.

The greatest attention is focused on the resumption of the two glamor events, the European Cup and the Cup-Winners' Cup.

In the former cup tourney two matches were scheduled for last night, the results of which of course are not yet to hand.

Portugal's Benfica, winners in 1961 and 1962, were to play Dukla Prague at Lisbon and Belgium's Anderlecht were to meet the Scottish team, FC Dundee.

Both return matches are scheduled for March 13 at Prague and at Dundee.

On the same day Milan will play the Turkish Galatasaray and the Dutch Feyenoord will clash with the French Stade Reims.

Both Milan and Feyenoord managed to win the first leg of their quarter-final at Istanbul and Paris respectively (3:1 and 1:0), and should qualify for the semi-finals.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup the first match of the year, Slovan Bratislava v. Tottenham Hotspurs was scheduled to be played yesterday.

The other three quarter-final ties, Odense v. Nurnberg, Plovdiv (Sofia) v. AC Madrid and OFK Belgrad v. FC Napoli will take place between March 13 and 24.

AUSTRIA

THE tremendous popularity of indoor soccer in Vienna during the winter months has now given the idea to the organisers to start an international tourney, maybe in 1964.

Each team plays with seven men; the goals are smaller than in proper soccer but goals can be scored from any part of the hall.

This year's inter-club tournament was won by FK Austria, last season's Austrian champions.

team, Rapid Wien, was recently considering signing Vienna's other crack on a top Brazilian forward from Sao Paulo.

The transfer fee was about £13,000 and Rapid decided against it.

Said coach 'Bimbo' Binder:

"Paying such a huge sum for a player would have been very bad for the morale of the others. Besides no Negro will ever play for Rapid."

GERMANY

As we reported some months ago, the 1963-64 competition in Western Germany will see the introduction of that country's first ever national league.

A total of 18 teams will make up the first division and their selection, based on performances, club finances and ground conditions, has been going on for some weeks now.

So far nine teams have been admitted: Hamburger SV, Werder Bremen, Schalke 04, Borussia Dortmund, FC Koln, Eintracht Frankfurt, FC Saarbruecken, FC Nurnberg and Hertha Berlin.

The other applicants — some 30 just have to wait.

BRAZIL

Details of Brazil's tour of Europe have been completed almost to the minute.

According to the Rio newspaper 'Revista do Esporte,' Brazil will go to Europe with 20 of her best players.

Their debut will be against Portugal on April 20 and their last match will be against Israel on May 19.

In between they will face Belgium, France, Holland, Sweden, England, Germany, Italy and Egypt.

The Germans almost missed out: The Brazilians at first refused to meet them mainly because in 1961 West Germany, then touring South America, cancelled a visit to Rio in the last moment.

On the tour the team will always travel on two separate planes with Pele and Garrincha never on the same one.

Brazilian officials figure that if a disaster strikes, at least one of their two wonders will survive.

Another proof of the painstaking care of Brazil's preparation for World Cups was a recent letter to London in which they sought detailed information on available accommodation for the team — in 1966.

ENGLAND

The latest glamor team of snow-stuck English soccer is Liverpool, in which Bill Stevenson, Sydney APIA's 'fish that got away' stars at left half.

Promoted to first division only half a year ago, Liverpool has climbed from 19th to fifth place on the ladder, collecting a fantastic 23 points out of the last 13 games

Liverpool's fans should be well pleased with their city's soccer status: their other first division team, Everton now lies a close third on the table and is regarded as favorite for the league title.

YUGOSLAVIA

There is a great player in Yugoslavia who, seemingly, would have had an even finer career in boxing.

His name is Dragoslav Sekularec, a temperamental star at present suspended for 18 months for having hit a referee.

Last week Yugoslavia's famous 'Dragi' got into trouble again.

An attendant at a Belgrade soccer field demanded his ticket — which he didn't have — and received a perfect uppercut instead.

Now the Yugoslavs have to decide whether to lengthen Sekularec' suspension or to charge him before a civil court. Maybe they will do both.

SPAIN

Although Real Madrid's star has declined somewhat in recent months, the power of that great club has not diminished.

Recently Real staged an exhibition to mark the 60th anniversary of the club, putting all the trophies and cups they have won on display.

More than 100,000 people took the trouble to have a look and admire the unique collection.

A specially edited film showing all Real's European Cup triumphs attracted 20,000 people.

And finally, during the celebrations Real Madrid acquired 2,000 new 'socios' — due paying members.

WHO'S KIDDING?

The usually well-informed English monthly, "World Soccer" ran a goofy little piece on Australia in its March issue.

Highlights of the item:

". . . With Australia (being) blacklisted, the way is open for them to become a second 'Eldorado' similar to the status held by Colombia in 1950 and all the top clubs (?) are negotiating with top players (?) from Europe and South America.

"Soccer booms, despite the popularity of Rugby and the Australian Rules game. Five years ago a new gate record was set up — 5,807 (??) — now it stands at 42,000 (??), after the recent Cup Final won by FC Yugal (Sydney).

"Yugal have six Yugoslavs with first division experience in Europe (?) and their Cup Final opponents Budapest have three Hungarians, three Argentinians, two Yugoslavs and one Austrian. (??)

"All told, 170,000 players are registered with the F.A. (!?!)...

"Australia has a special problem as an immigrant country. Every year some 200,000 people (???) move to Australia...

"FIFA ... in the end will have to bow to Australian 'independence' just as did with Colombia (?)."

The question marks are ours; the mistakes theirs.

RESULTS & TABLES

EUROPEAN NATION'S CUP: France — England 5:2 (Paris).

PORTUGAL (17th round): Porto — Benfica 1:2; Olhanense — CUF 2:2; Academica — Setubal 2:1; Belenenses — Atletico 1:0; Lusitano — Leixoes 1:2; Barreirense — Feirense 0:0; Sporting — Guimaraes 4:2. — Comp. leaders: Benfica 30, Porto 28, Sporting 27, Leixoes 20, Lusitano and Belenenses 19 pts.

SPAIN (22nd round): Elche — Malaga 0:2; Valladolid — FC Barcelona 1:0; Oviedo — Real 0:1; Valencia — Betis 5:0; AC Madrid — Majorca 6:1; Zaragoza — Osasuna 3:0; Cordoba — Coruna 3:1. — Comp. leaders: Real Madrid 36, AC Madrid 29, Valladolid 28, Valencia and Oviedo 26, Zaragoza 24 pts.

SWITZERLAND, Cup quarter-finals: Chiasso — FC Basel 1:2; Lausanne — Biel 4:1; FC Luzern — Servette 0:1; FC Sion — Grasshoppers 0:4.

WEST GERMANY — West (20th round): RW Oberhousen — Hamborn 2:1; Schalke — SW Essen 3:2; Meiderich — Aachen 1:3; Fortuna Dusseld. — M. Gladbach 2:1. Others postponed. — Comp. leaders: FC Koln 26, Pr. Muenster 25, Schalke 24, Bor. Dortmund 23 pts.

Southwest (21st round): All postponed partly because of bad grounds and cup ties.

South (24th round): All postponed, same reason as above.

North (24th round): Arminia — Altona 2:1; Bremerhaven — Osnabrueck 0:1. Others postponed. — Comp. leaders: Hamb. SV 38, Werder Br. 35, Braunschweig 30, Neumuenster 28 pts.

Berlin (21st round): Hertha — BSV 5:0; Tasmania — Tegel 3:0. Others postponed or not scheduled. — Comp. leaders: Hertha 35, SV Spandau 26, Tasmania and Tennis Borussia 25 pts.

EAST GERMANY (18th round): Wismut — Erfurt 6:1; Brieske — Vorwaerts 0:1. Others postponed. — Comp. leaders: Motor Jena 28, Empor Rostock 26, Vorwaerts Berlin 23, Chemie Halle 19 pts.

ITALY (24th round): Atalanta — Inter 1:0; Genoa — Catania 4:1; Juventus — Torino 0:1; Lanerossi — Roma 0:0; Milan — Sampdoria 1:1; Modena — Venezia 2:1; Napoli — Mantova 0:0; Palermo — Fiorentina 1:0; Spal — Bologna 0:1. — Comp. leaders: Inter 35, Juventus 34, Bologna 32, Spal 28, Lanerossi 28, Milan 27 pts.

Melbourne Round-up

Ampol semi-final could go to brilliant Polonia

Victoria calling

S.M. HELLAS problem child, recent arrival Peter Barbalias, a brilliant soccer player, received a ticket from Greece for his return, packed his bags and without notifying anyone returned to his homeland last Friday.

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BARBALIAS was chosen to represent Victoria in the eagerly awaited Anzac Day match against NSW in Sydney; then, disciplined by his club, his name was removed from the squad list but later reinstated. He was picked for the Hellas team to oppose Wilhelmina in last Saturday's semi-final. Smith was his replacement.

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JUST's trip to Sydney was received with a mixed reception by the critics after the games, but they were more or less unanimous that the classy Victorians are capable of playing an attractive brand of soccer.

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VICTORIAN soccer fans will shortly have the opportunity to see another star player in action. The club is George Cross and the player is last season's top scorer in Malta's first division, Bill Dalli.

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ALL IS NOT WELL with John Doherty, one of the outstanding players in this State. The former Fulham player missed the last Ampol cup game not due to injury as origionally stated, but due to some disagreement. Slavia officials simply say - 'no comment.'

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CLUBS have good intentions of fostering junior soccer in this State but some are finding it difficult getting enough juniors. Amongst those who are suffering from the lack of junior players are newly promoted State League club Croatia and top Metropolitan League team Austria.

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THE STATE LEAGUE Management Committee decided that the State League winter season kick-off is to be Saturday, April 6.

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GEORGE CROSS inside forward Abella leads the Ampol Cup goalscoring list with four to his credit.

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ON LABOR DAY, Monday, March 11, Victoria will play a State League team at the Showground in preparation for the interstate match in Sydney on April 25. Manny Poulakakis, the State coach is treating this match with utmost seriousness. All other matches scheduled for Labor Day have been cancelled to give the public an opportunity to see the State's best players in action. Coach Poulakakis and chairman of selectors Andy Kuhn are determined that Victoria should win back the lost prestige as a result of the State's dismal failure last year. NSW is the biggest hurdle in Victoria's endeavour to win back the interstate championship title.

George Cross tough opponents

It is difficuult to forecast the winner of this Ampol semi-final to take place on Saturday at 9.25 p.m. at the South Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Polonia are playing very well, almost at peak form and George Cross will find them a tough proposition.

The return of Janczyk has added stability and leadership to the Polish side which was often missing last season.

Mike Jurecki seems to have fully recovered from his injury and the tight George Cross defence will have to keep a close watch on this brilliant player.

George Cross started the Ampol series like real champions but several team changes appeared to have temporarely unsettled this well-balanced combination.

It will be interesting to see whether their prolific goal scorer Don Hodgeon will be called upon to fill the pivot position to the exclusion of Muskat or whether he will line up in the forward line.

George Cross are in the fortunate position of being able to call on about 15 equally good players and may take advantage of the replacement rule, should a key player be unable to produce his top form.

However, Polonia are slightly favored to win their way into the Ampol final but only by the narrowest of margins.

If after 90 minutes of play the result is a draw, 20 minutes of extra time will be played.

If there is still no result, the match will be replayed on Sunday.

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Teams for Saturday's semi-final between Polonia and George Cross will be chosen from the following players:

POLONIA: Putkowski; Gasior, Gross, Janczyk, Zientara, Browarski, Dudon, Morovkowski, Jankowski, Jurecki, L. Vella, Szerpanski, Szygalski.

GEORGE CROSS: Azzopardi; E. Sacco, F. Falzon, Binnie, J. Falzon, Muskat, McKenna, Schroeder, Campbell, Hodgeon, Anderson, Gibb, Dimich, Abella, Copeland.

CURTAINRAISER

The curtainraiser will be between newly promoted State League teams Croatia and the German club Richmond, an encounter which should create much interest.

Richmond are still unknown quantity but Croatia have already displayed promising form in recent practice matches, notably the one in which they defeated the powerful George Cross team.

S.M. HELLAS WINS HANDS DOWN

S.M. HELLAS - WILHELM. 3:0

State League champions S.M. Hellas easily won their way into the Ampol Cup final with a tremendous first half display during which they netted four times.

Two were allowed and two ruled off-side by the very good referee Bobby Lamb.

Wilhelmina again had Keuken at centre forward but he did not live up to last week's display.

After interval, the Dutch made several positional changes and Steele was replaced by Stoffels which lifted their game except in front of goal.

The outstanding player on the field was Hellas wing half Papadopoulos, who crowned a first class display with two superb goals.

Shortly after half time, Hellas other wing half Ieremiades was injured and Wilhelmina were on top with the Hellas defence in panic.

Particularly State player Mantarakis came under notice with his wild clearances and it was not until Papadopoulos made it 3:0 with a brilliant individual effort that the Hellas rearguard settled down again.

It was surprising to see crack Hellas coach Mannie Poulakakis insisting on keeping the obviously injured Ieremiadis on the field until the third goal was scored and Hellas made sure of victory.

The official paying attendance was 9,266 but with pensioners, children and South Melbourne Cricket members allowed free admission the actual attendance was well over 10,000 spectators.

Goalscorers; Papadopoulos 2, Hatzelefteriou (Hellas).

How they lined up:

SM HELLAS: Karpouzas; Xanthopolous, Mantarakis; Papadopoulos, Kourkoulakis, Ieremiadis; Kambouropoulos, Margaritis, Hatzelefteriou, Smith, Bedford.

WILHELMINA: Janssen; Brouwer, Stobbe; Luyt, Van Alphen, Vluegels; Erasmus, Sas, Keuken, Steele (Stoffels), Peterssen.

Referee: R. Lamb.

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In an attractive curtainraiser Lions defeated Melbourne 3:2, after being down 2:0 at half time. The Hungarians tired badly towards the end.

Best players for Lions were Voigt, F. Marth, Kleinert and Wirth and for Melbourne, Albers, Besci, Abonyi (17 years of age) and Weinberg.

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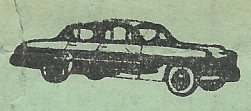

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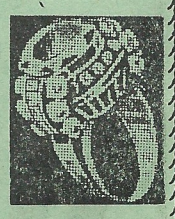

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Allan Crisp's Adelaide summary

Another B'pest-Croatia clash

Budapest and Croatia will meet in the grand final of the Ampol series for 1963 at the Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday night for the second time in a week.

The finalists will be competing for the Ampol Challenge Cup and for the big prizemoney and bonuses.

Lion and Victoria will play off for the minor money at 7 p.m. and the final will kick-off at 8.30 p.m.

Extra time will be played in the final in the event of a draw at the end of normal time.

Having already clinched the Ampol Premiership Cup Budapest are now seeking further honors.

Budapest's form last Monday night was faultless and based on the cold hard logic of the result of that game, Croatia would appear to have little or no chance of succes in the grand final.

How many sides can undergo a five goal defeat and recover to reverse the result less than a week later?

The obvious answer is not many — but Croatia are a side quite capable of achieving this.

The big danger is that the humiliating defeat will cause panic and Croatia will make wholesale positional changes.

Croatia coach Billy Graham had this to say when quizzed by "Soccer World" about his team's chances in Saturday's final:

"We will win. We learned our lesson last Monday night and I feel we can profit by our mistakes."

However, Budapest impress as being too experienced to allow last week's victory make them overconfident.

So, Budapest must be tipped to win after their scintillating form of last Monday.

Budapest wins Premiership Cup

Budapest returned to their sparkling best last Monday night to swamp Croatia and win the Ampol Premiership Cup.

BUDAPEST - CROATIA 6:1

Not even the most ardent Budapest supporter could have expected his side to inflict such a crushing defeat on Croatia.

Early in the game the Budapest defence paid the star-studded Croatia attack the compliment of marking them closely.

The Budapest wing-halves Marton and Andy Balter stuck closer than brothers to their inside forward opponents Jaksa and Turic.

Croatia began the match looking like world beaters but much of the zip left their play after Turic had missed a sitter.

In contrast Budapest started quietly, and after their initial goal poured on the pressure to give their best performance of the season.

Former state centre forward Les Matiscsak, who was recently omitted from the state squad, gave the selectors food for thought with four good goals for Budapest.

How they lined up:
BUDAPEST: Horvath; Nemeth, F. Balter; Marton, S. Szabo, A. Balter; B. Szabo, Cseri, Matiscsak, Herczeg, Fancsali.
CROATIA: Rerich; Horvath, Graham; Franjic, Molnar, Lister; McGreevy, Turic, Slager, Jaksa, Ferguson.
GOALSCORERS: **Budapest:** Matiscsak (45, 60, 74 and 79 mins.), Herczeg (33 min.), Graham (t.o.q. 16 min.). **Croatia:** Slager (40 min.).
REFEREE: W. Hosie.

VICTORIA - LION 5:2

After an even first half Victoria unleashed an all-out attack on the Lion goal to score four goals in five minutes.

Both sides confounded their supporters with surprise selections.

Lions preferred junior goalkeeper Fedczyshcyn to Dodds, who had played well in other games.

Victoria made an even more unusual change by fielding goalkeeper Gordon at centre forward.

Gordon played only one half before being replaced.

Although the game was little more than a practice run for Saturday's play-off for third and fourth prizemoney, it did show the Victoria forward in an encouraging light.

Victoria are now in the box seat to win Saturday night's curtainraiser although Lion will certainly tighten their all too elastic defence.

How they lined up:
VICTORIA: Vetteh; Lange, Gerken; Frank, Renzo, West; Coombs, Sitter, Gordon, Felton, Cunnett.
LION: Fedczyshcyn; Holyhrim, Ferenchuk; S. Muzyka, Pyrih, leitner, Chattin, Hymas, Costalunga, Vincic, M. Muzyka.
GOALSCORERS: **Victoria:** Felton (8 and 64 mins.), Frank (63 and 68 mins.), Cunnett (67 min). **Lion:** Costalunga (32 min.), Chattin (48 min.).
REFEREE: T. Frost.

MORIARTY OUT

Juventus and State forward Johnny Moriarty may miss the first two interstate games this season. Moriarty will leave for Alice Springs shortly to spend a five weeks' vacation.

FLOTTA LAURO
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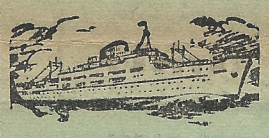

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BRISBANE AND IPSWICH

Ampol openings without surprises

The first round of the Ampol Cup brought no surprises although many of us had given Blackstone a chance of defeating Germania.

Blackstone paced it with Germania for the first half, and at the break there was no score.

In the second half Germania got on top and two goals by Ziggy Wehner sealed Blackstone's fate.

Hellenic could only lead Polonia by one goal to nil at half time, but after the spell last year's premiers got on top and finally won 6:1.

Two outstanding players for Hellenic were Grahame McMillan in attack, and 38-year old "Lofty" Clark at right full back.

McMillan scored only one goal, but he was the brains and the worker in the forward line, and played a big part in the four goals scored by Col. Kitching.

Clark gave a perfect example of a fine defender capable of turning defence into attack, with some beautifully placed clearances.

Polonia gave a good account of themselves during the first 20 minutes, but fell away later.

Goalie S. Korhecz (Polonia) gave a fine display, and could not be blamed for the goals that were scored.

Merton Rovers proved themselves worthy champions and in their display against Mitchelton showed plainly just how good they are likely to be again this year.

Centre forward Eric Pattison was the outstanding player on the field, and gave a splendid display. He was full value for his three goals. He led the line perfectly, and received solid support from his forward colleagues and halves.

Mitchelton gave sufficient evidence of making a good fight for promotion this year.

Veteran Bob Lawrie made a reappearance for Bundamba, and in his regular position of centre half, kept a close rein on Latrobe centre John Darlington.

Bundamba surprised by scoring first two minutes after the start, and at half time it was all square at 1:1.

In the second half Latrobe got well on top and finally won 5:1.

Oxley proved too good for Dnipro, and won 4:0 at Dunlop Park, Corinda.

The issue was never in doubt, after half time, when Oxley's lead was 2:0.

Grange - Thistle were the luckiest team in the round when they tossed Redbank-Dinmore 2:1.

Redbank-Dinmore forwards missed at least three perfect sitters in the first half, and on the run of play should have established a winning lead.

These lost chances cost them entry into the quarter-finals.

Azzurri won as they liked against Newmarket-Postal Institute, scorning nine goals without reply.

Never at any stage was the Azzurri team in trouble and they coasted home to this 9:0 victory.

Surprise omission from the Azzurri team was star wing half, Cliff Sander, who occupied a reserve position.

Easy passage

Hellenic should have an easy passage into the semi-finals against Easts United, whose team has been greatly weakened by the departure of several top stars.

Gary Catchpole has transferred to Merton Rovers, Tommy Devine to Mitchelton, and Malcolm Wild is still the subject of negotiation.

Hellenic fielded the same team as in last year's final, except that Gyula Vincze, came in for John Elms, who has returned to Association team Annerley.

The Latrobe v. Oxley meeting presents a different proposition, and it could be close, with Latrobe favored to enter the semi-finals.

Transfer system

There is a great dissatisfaction here over the present transfer system, that does not give the player the right of appeal against the amount of the fee, or any other reason, except a breach of contract.

There is certain to be a concerted move to alter the constitution to rectify the position.

One major result of the unrest, is the proposed formation of a players organisation, not to act as a militant union, but rather an organisation, where players may attend meetings and air any grievance they may have, or deal with any other matter pertaining to their general conditions and rights.

FROM LEN TODD

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Hellenic 6 (C. Kitching 4, G. Kitching, G. McMillan) d. **Polonia 1** (M. Korhecz).
Merton Rovers 7 (E. Pattison 3, A. Morris, J. Anthony, K. Burke 2). d. **Mitchelton 0.**
Germania 2 (S. Wehner 2) d. **Blackstone 0.**
Azzuri 9 (S. Kitching 4, F. Cleeton 3, A. Robertson, B. Pinti) d. **Newmarket-Postal Inst. 0.**
Grange-Thistle 2 (A. Prins, B. Dann) d. **Redbank-Dinmore Utd. 1** (K. Rose).
Oxley Utd. 4 (H. Van Engelen 2, A. Karbonowitz, G. Bains) d. **Dnipro 0.**
Latrobe 5 (B. Rooney 2, J. Gorrie 2, J. Darlington) d. **Bundamba 1** (Geoff Nunn).

AMPOL CUP QUARTER FINALS:

March 8, Friday night, Exhibition Oval:
Hellenic v. Easts Uniteh.
Latrobe v. Oxley United.
March 15, Friday night, Exhibition Oval:
Merton-Rovers v. Grange-Thistle.
Azzuri v. Germania.
Semi-finals, Friday night, March 22, Exhibition Oval.
Finals, Friday night, March 29, Exhibition Oval.

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HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR TEAM OF TODAY AND COMPARE IT WITH THAT OF THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO. THE TREMENDOUS CHANGES MAY STAGGER YOU.

Shifting scene of Sydney soccer

The turn-over of players in Sydney clubs is possibly the biggest anywhere in the world.

On present trends it appears that within a four-year span the entire playing staff of a top team changes.

The reasons are obvious: Sydney soccer is still very much in ferment with most, if not all, clubs searching the globe for available talent.

These clubs cannot afford as yet to regard their teams as final and fully built if they want to speedily bridge the gap between them and even mediocre overseas standards.

Of course, the ideal would be to mould a team and then leave it for a few years with only minor changes.

But this later stage of soccer development may have to wait until the clubs feel that their sides are well balanced and further large-scale imports are unwarranted.

Let us see how, in March 1960, the four top teams lined up in the final stages of the Ampol Cup.

BUDAPEST: Sokoloff; Kosa, Gergely; Lang, Kovacs, Aranyi; Voros, Kangyar, Galambos, Schauman, Pompor.

APIA: Alocca; Bonazza, Hawkshaw; Cinat, Marston, Svoronich; De Paoli, Vasvari, Botallico, Turella, Pittioni.

PRAGUE: Lord; Geddes, Hiron; Sherwin, Ninaus, Scheinflug; Kaminsky, Tamandl, Ninaus I., Saghy, Jaros.

HAKOAH: Spiegel; Strahm, Aird; Kearns, Handorf, Forgacs; Such, Wilson, Burgoyne, Wesely, Neal.

Whatever happened to these players, how many are still in the first team or at least squad of their old club? This is a breakdown of their movements:

☆ With same club in squad	10
☆ Transferred to II. div. clubs	8
☆ Transferred to I. div. clubs	5
☆ Returned to Europe	7
☆ Retired	5
☆ Moved interstate	3
☆ Now considered reserve in same club	4
☆ Whereabouts unknown	2
☆ Total	44

BY PAUL DEAN

In other words, only some 22 per cent of the players have remained in the first teams of their 1960 clubs: an average of 2.5 out of 11.

It is interesting to note that of the ten 'survivors' only two are forwards (Neal and Botallico) and even one of these (Botallico) usually plays at left half nowadays.

Few people would doubt that of the four above clubs three have become much stronger and only Prague seems to have weakened somewhat — on paper at least

Another fascinating fact emerging from these names and figures reveals that within some clubs the national characteristics have also changed drastically.

Budapest's 1960 Ampol Cup finalist team included 10 Hungarians and one Russian; their team last week against Prague had only four Hungarians, four Argentines, two Yugoslavs and one Austrian.

APIA's 1960 Ampol team also had a preponderance of Italians (seven) with three Australians and one Hungarian 'thrown in.'

Their present best side features only three Italians alongside with two Austrians and one Spaniard, South African, Scot, Australian, Canadian and Malayan.

The truly great sides overseas may stay together for a number of years — but it's often forgotten that it may take them twice the time to develop their great combinations.

Real Madrid, for example, between 1957 and 1960 during which they dominated world soccer, hardly made any changes.

Brazil won the 1958 and 1962 World Cups with almost exactly the same team: of the Stockholm side Orlando and Bellini were replaced by Zozimo and Mauro, the rest stayed put.

(Amarildo made the 1962 team only after the inimitable Pele was injured in the second match.)

Understandibly, the examples of Real Madrid and Brazil are quite meaningless for us.

After some experimenting they did find their best teams, either through developing or buying up talent.

When our stage of development in Sydney reaches a much higher standard, we will also see teams staying together for years.

Until such a time arrives the constant turn-over in players seems inevitable.

PAUL BARCLAY BEMOANS

Waste of talent

There are a number of players in the reserve teams of first division clubs who play outstanding football week after week.

Young fellows between 16 and 21, they show a ton of promise — and should develop into fine players in senior company.

But my guess is that they never will.

This is because of the short-sighted policy adopted by the team selectors of some clubs.

If you ask these chaps why they don't put the young talent into their first team, they point out that the "boys are not ready yet".

They propound the brilliant and highly original remark that "there is a big difference in standard between first and second grade".

I know that. We all know that. But that boy will never be able to bridge the gap while he is kept down in the inferior team.

Of course, the time to experiment is not in cup matches, but later when the championship is under way.

If a boy has really proved that he is consistently superior to his team-mates, he must be given the chance to improve himself further.

When he plays against better opposition, and with more skilful team-mates, he will again start to learn and to develop.

He can not learn anything except bad habits from his inferiors.

Also, when selected for the first team, he should be told that he is playing the next three matches, no matter how he performs.

This is to take the edge from his nervousness, and give him some measure of calmness and confidence.

You can break a boy's heart by not giving him the chance that his play merits.

After all, what more can be expected from him in second grade than he has already shown?

Unfortunately most clubs are too short-sighted to build a team in this patient way, and are too reactionary to experiment with the talent they claim to be fostering.

The boys reach a certain level but rarely get the chance to develop their skills to their fullest potential.

I only hope that soccer can afford this shocking wastage, because the outlook continues bleak.

Between you and the goalpost ...

with EINAR PERSEN

BUDAPEST official Alex Nemes and his wife gave an informal garden-party at their East Lindfield home to all officials and players of their club.

THE REFEREES are training harder than ever and most are rapidly losing weight. "No physical training no appointments" is the motto of the Appointments Committee.

AUBURN Soccer Club has taken over the Auburn Dance Centre building in Northumberland Rd., Auburn, where a licensed club will be opened in April.

YUGAL'S Pacanin and Lazarevic have extended their contracts for another two years. The club will be further strenghtened by the arrival of two more Yugoslav players, a 27-years-old centre forward, and a utility defender, who is 29.

AUBURN inside forward Alick Jeffrey has lost one and a half stone in the last few weeks. He is determined to lose another stone before the competition gets under way.

FERDO DUNAJ soon will be reunited with his wife and two children, a daughter, 8, and a boy, 6.

GEOFF WARREN is in training again and will turn out with his club Canterbury. He injured a leg while on loan to Prague last year.

FORMER Canterbury coach Bernard Bryant, now with Sutherland, has conducted a summer coaching school for 40 junior coaches and 50 promising juniors in the Sutherland Shire. The Junior Association is confident last year's total of 2,000 juniors will be surpassed this season.

GEORGE NUTTALL, who was rumoured to be back in Sydney weeks ago, is still in England but Australia-bound. He is expected to rejoin Canterbury within weeks. Two highly rated English players will also be in his bag for 'Berries.

CREW members of the Royal Yacht Britannia played a match against Corinthians at Marks Field last Sunday morning. Two sailors, Dick Jackson and Freddie Truscott, played in top non-league clubs and caught the eye. More than 200 attended the match, including 30 crew members, which was won 4-2 by a mixed Corinthians first and second grade team.

VERDICT by APIA club officials on new-signing Barry Ihaksi, 20-year-old outside right from Canada: "More than adequate replacement for Bruce Morrow."

BANKSTOWN Junior Soccer Association is short of referees for the coming season. Anyone 14 years or over is eligible to become one. For further information contact Mr. Findlay, UU 7248.

APIA are negotiating with three top overseas players. Should the deal come off, Sydney soccer fans will be in for a treat!

LAST YEAR Sydney and APIA top-scorer Vernon Wentzel gets married this Saturday in Durban. He has opened a sports store in that city. Soccer World wishes Wentzel and his bride every happiness for the future.

MINUTE QUIZ

1. Last year a Sydney 'keeper scored a competition goal from a penalty; he was (a) Corrie (b) Lord (c) Grosz.

2. *A Sydney forward star of 1962 played in Lake Macquarie (Newcastle) in 1961; he was (a) Vasvari (b) Schwarz (c) Hrncir.*

3. An Australian of Italian origin was recently a player in a Sydney club; he was (a) Turella (b) De Paoli (c) Svoronich.

4. *A great Spanish goalkeeper retired in 1962; he was (a) Vincente (b) Carbajal (c) Ramallets.*

5. A famous Portuguese international forward was arrested then released in 1961 on political charges; he was (a) Eusebio (b) Santana (c) Augusto.

6. *A veteran Swedish forward has been a star of Italian league football for many years and still one of the best there; his name is (a) Hamrin (b) Lindskog (c) Simonsson.*

7. A former Rapid-Wien (Austria) star who recently retired was an architect; he was (a) Zeman (b) Probst (c) Hanappi.

8. *In the 1934 World Cup this European country came second: (a) Austria (b) Czechoslovakia (c) Hungary.*

9. FIFA's present Secretary General is (a) K. Gassmann (b) S. Rous (c) H. Kaser.

10. *The 1970 World Cup will be played in (a) undecided (b) Argentina (c) Mexico.*

(For solutions turn to Page 6.)

THE READERS WRITE

Louder please

Sir,

Let me voice my loud protest over the squeaky and subdued condition of "loud-speakers" at last week's Ampol Cup tie again.

I feel the public is entitled to hear the announcements and line-ups particularly when so many new and unknown players make their first appearances.

Intelligent and audible announcements are always part of good sporting promotions, why must soccer be different?

L.D. SIMPSON,
Botany.

Satisfaction

Sir,

In your last week's issue you all but buried Prague, giving them no chance to beat Budapest.

It gave me great satisfaction to see the grand old champs come to life and contradict you.

Do you still claim that "the odds are very much on Prague losing the (Ampol) Trophy"?

F. BUCHWALD,
Bronte.

(The odds have considerably shortened, Prague now has our full permission to retain Cup.)

Cooma eager

Sir,

I have just returned from a two weeks' visit to Cooma and the Snowy Mountains.

Thousands of migrants live and work in the area and, through "Soccer World" which is widely read in these parts, they keep abreast of Sydney soccer news.

Cooma soccer fans are clamoring for the visit of a top Sydney team and guarantee a crowd of up to 5,000 if such a visit takes place.

L. MATUSZEWIAK,
Dulwich Hill.

No Gauto?

Sir,

Would you be kind enough to allow a rabid Prague fan some space to express her disgust at the shabby treatment dealt out to Luis Gauto, Prague's new Argentinian importation?

I cannot understand why Prague officials refuse to play him in their first team.

He has only played two halves since his arrival.

Are Prague, with their Beinroths, Kristensens and tutti quanti, so strong that they can blatantly discard a player who is reputedly the most talented of all Argentinians in Sydney?

LYDIA ROSSI,
Miranda.

AMPOL CUP SYDNEY, 1963

Results so far and ties yet to be played:

I. ROUND:

Yugal — South Coast 2:0
APIA — Bankstown 2:1
Auburn — Hakoah 5:3.
Prague — Pan Hellenic 2:1.
Byes: Croatia, Budapest, Gladesville and Canterbury.

QUARTER-FINALS:

Yugal — Croatia 6:2.
APIA — Gladesville 4:1.
Auburn — Canterbury 2:1.
Prague — Budapest 3:2.

SEMI-FINALS:

(Redfern, Oval, March 8.)
Yugal — APIA ("A")
Prague — Auburn ("B"

FINAL:

(Redfern Oval, March 15.)
Winner of "A" v. "B".
Losers meet for 3rd place.

SYDNEY AMPOL CUP

YUGAL v. APIA THRILLER IN SEMI-FINAL CLASH

HOLDER PRAGUE TO BATTLE VASTLY IMPROVED AUBURN

A record crowd is expected to pack Redfern Oval tonight for the Ampol Cup semi-final double-header.

The Australian record for a night club game should go overboard when Prague, the Cup holders, meet Auburn at 7.30 p.m. and Australia Cup winners Yugal clash with APIA, 1962 "Craven A £1000" winners, in the late match.

Both matches could be close, exciting affairs as all four teams are quite even at this early season stage.

Flip a coin and you'll find the winner of the early match.

It is impossible to separate Prague and Auburn in a match of this nature.

Auburn have been more impressive than Prague in the series so far but Cup holders Prague have seen out successfully their last two games against heavy odds and they are certain to again defend their trophy desperately.

RON LORD, PRAGUE

Prague's defence has kept the team in the Cup, particularly goalie Ron Lord who has been called upon to perform miracles.

Pettigrew and Bond too, have been instrumental in putting Prague into the semis but the forwards will have to rely on constructive moves rather than hazardous breakaways to skip the Auburn hurdle.

Scheinflug and Badaracco hold the key to Prague's success in attack; they are one cut above their fellow-forwards.

It will be up to them to give the lead as their co-ordinated efforts could produce a brand of football Auburn's rugged, but lack-lustre defence might be unable to check.

Forgacs will lean heavily on Alick Jeffrey to counter any of Prague's moves.

Jeffrey is in such devastating form, and so keen to beat his former club, that he could win the match himself.

With Tran and Staples besides Jeffrey and Quested, Auburn's forward-line will test Prague's defence.

Whether it will succeed where Pan Hellenic and Budapest failed is another matter but Prague, again helped by "Lady Luck" and sheer determination, is my tip for another Ampol Cup Final.

M. STOJANOVIC, YUGAL

Since Yugal knocked them out of last year's Australia Cup, APIA have been itching for another match to get even.

Well, this is it tonight and this "revenge-match" alone should fill Redfern Oval.

Yugal had the edge on APIA having won three out of their five encounters last year, but tonight could see APIA even the score.

Tonight marks APIA's fourth successive appearance in the Ampol semi-finals, but only once, in 1960, were they on the winning side.

Schwarz's suspension is a tremendous blow for Yugal and APIA's stocks must rise sharply.

Yugal's forwards are now left with a huge gap to fill midfield and the brilliant Dunaj-Schwarz partnership is no more.

The forms of Medina, Jelisavcic and Pacanin have not been too encouraging lately.

APIA, on the other hand have improved with each match and their forward-line is full of big names capable of individual brilliance as well as match-winning team-work.

Giacometti on the lookout for any loose ball within 20 yards from goal could spell disaster for Yugal.

Had Schwarz been playing I would have gone for Yugal because its experienced defence could have subdued the APIA attack, for all its brilliance.

But without a forward-line of any standing the task of APIA's defence, colorless as it may be, will be immensely easier and Baumgartner's forwards should just find the sufficient openings to put APIA in its second Ampol Cup Final.

KARL JAROS, APIA

Yugal, thus, will start the underdogs but the game will be very close all the same.

Since the rock-hard Redfern pitch will suit tough defences rather than clever, ball-playing, forwards APIA's Baumgartner, Jaros, Wong and Giacometti might not find their feet tonight and Yugal could find the ground a precious ally.

LOU GAUTIER

LAST WEEK'S QUARTER-FINAL SUMMARIES:

PRAGUE AND AUBURN FAIL TO IMPRESS DESPITE WINS

By defeating Budapest 3-2 last Friday night Prague entered its sixth consecutive Ampol Cup semi final.

Auburn also made the semis when it beat Canterbury 2;1 in the early match, the first time since 1959 when Auburn went on to reach the final.

Some 5,000 people watched a double-header which disappointed the crowd that had expected much better football, particularly from Prague and Budapest.

Auburn had to fight all the way to beat a patched-up Canterbury.

Canterbury put up stiff opposition, and even led at half-time, but it was obvious that Auburn's better team-work would catch up with the Berries sooner or later.

So it was no surprise to see Staples score twice, within ten minutes, to seal Canterbury's fate.

One man stood out above all others: Alick Jeffrey.

He delighted the crowd with clever dribbling, accurate passes and perfect positioning.

He was undoubtedly, the best player on display Friday night.

The Auburn defence and also Len Quested, surprisingly enough, played poorly.

Canterbury, however, were far too hesitant and disorganized to exploit Auburn's weakness despite Alan Hetherington's valiant efforts.

Referee A. Boskovic aquitted himself well of an incident-free match.

Just like against Pan Hellenic in the first round, Prague were not impressive in beating Budapest.

Nevertheless, they are still in the Cup, defending their trophy, and have created a record by reaching the semis for the sixth consecutive year.

Prague, 1963 version, is not a brilliant team by any stretch of the imagination, yet a great heart and breakaways rather than well conceived moves, are paying dividends.

Budapest were a big disappointment.

Their highly-rated forwards who played so well against JUST, six days earlier never "understood" each other and acted like complete strangers.

Standard of play was mediocre and ercitement practically nil, with the exception of the last five minutes when Budapest narrowed the score to 3;2 after the best goal of the night — a terrific six-yard volley by Massey.

The expected Latin American 'fiesta' fizzled out.

Badaracco and Fernandez were the only "Ltinos" to show glimpses of brilliance.

Their fellow-countrymen seemed contamined by the dull, grey, atmosphere which prevailed through the 70 minutes.

Prague won mainly because Scheinflug returned to form while their forwards made the most of some big Budapest mistakes in defence.

Budapest lacked cohesion, missed many chances, and had a really unhappy evening.

Frank Sbisa, who was making a come-back to refereeing after a five months lay-off, appeared short of practice as he did not control the match in his usual firm and lucid fashion.

How they lined up and played:

AUBURN: W. Henderson 2; D. Lapwood 3, S. Cousins 3; R. Hall 3, J. Pretswell 3, N. Townsend 4; B. Staples 4, L. Quested 2, N. Tran 4; **A. Jeffrey** 5, R. Baker 2.
Total: 37.

CANTERBURY: R. Corrie 3; N. Slater 3, G. Compbell 3; E. Mc Leod 3, T. North 3, I. O'Reilly 3; W. Travers 3, J. Amigo 2, A. Hetherington 4; D. Yaager 2, D. Brown 3.
Total: 32.

Goalscorers: A. Hetherington 32 min. for Canterbury; B. Staples 41 min. and 51 min. for Auburn.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

PRAGUE: R. Lond 4; K. Hiron 3, J. Bond 3; G. Jones 3, J. Pettigrew 4, S. Sherwin 3; R. Blitz 4, N. Badaracca 4, H. Beinroth 2, P. Hrncir 3, L. Scheinflug 4.
Total: 37.

BUDAPEST: E. Grosz 4; H. Stegbauer (J. Warren) 2, J. Gergely 3; F. Lang 3, P. Banicevic 3, T. Zuckermann 3; M. Krgin 3, S. Isaac 3, H. Rodriguez 3, E. Massey 3, V. Fernandez 4.
Total: 34.

Goalscorers: L. Scheinflug 35 min., P. Hrncir 50 min., H. Beinroth 52 min. for Prague; H. Rodriguez 9 min. and E. Massey 65 min. for Budapest.

Referee: F. Sbisa.

Crowd: 5,000.

AMPOL LINE-UPS

SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD

AUBURN v. PRAGUE

W. HENDERSON	1	R. LORD
D. LAPWOOD	2	K. HIRON
S. COUSINS	3	J. BOND
R. HALL	4	G. JONES
J. PRETSWELL	5	J. PETTIGREW
N. TOWNSEND	6	S. SHERWIN
B. STAPLES	7	R. BLITZ
L. QUESTED	8	L. GAUTO
N. TRAN	9	N. BADARACCO
A. JEFFREY	10	P. HRNCIR
R. BAKER	11	L. SCHEINFLUG

REFEREE: A. BOSCOVIC
LINESMEN: A.R. Brown, J. Scifleet

A.P.I.A. v. YUGAL

A. IGLESIAS	1	K. SPIEGEL
C. VAN BLERK	2	H. RINGHOFF
N COSETTINI	3	J. MUCILLO
P. HUGHES	4	M. LAZAREVICH
J. MARSTON	5	M. STOJANOVIC
F. BOTTALICO	6	F. DUNAJ
B. IHAKSI	7	J. ALAGICH
P. GIACOMETTI	8	J. MEDINA
L. BAUMGARTNER	9	A. NINCEVICH
K. JAROS	10	T. YELISAVCIC
J WONG	11	B. PACANIN

REFEREE: F. SBISA
LINESMEN: Cook, Lockrey

MINUTE QUIZ SOLUTIONS

1: a; 2: b; 3: b; 4: c; 5: b; 6; a; 7: c; 8: b; 9: c; 10: a.

George X' mixed luck in Sydney

Melbourne Dockerty Cup winners George Cross had mixed success during its two-match Sydney visit last weekend.

Pan Hellenic outclassed the visitors in the second half of their match to win comfortably 5-3 after a paralysing 20-minute burst at Wentworth Park on Saturday before a 2,500 crowd in continuous rain.

On Sunday, George Cross met its traditional rivals Prague and won 5-3 after showing more class than on the previous day.

Pan Hellenic's win, on Saturday, ended George Cross' undefeated record.

The Cross' last defeat was in September 1962 when APIA beat them 3-1 in Melbourne; since then the club has won the Dockerty Cup and reached this year's Melbourne Ampol Cup semi-final.

On form displayed in Sydney, unless the players were out of form, George Cross did not look anything like a top team.

Prague fielded a jaded, tired team which only got a lease of life in the second half when their best forward, Les Scheinflug, came on.

Also on Sunday, APIA met Wallsend at Lambert Park and romped home 7-3 without unduly exerting itself.

The Morrow-coached Wallsend would battle to survive in Sydney first division on Sunday's display.

For APIA it was merely a work-out before their Friday night's Ampol semi-final.

A depleted Budapest beat Lake Macquarie 4-0 at Speer's Point on Sunday.

The Sydney team was without Krgin, Banicevic, Massey and Warren and fielded three juniors.

THIS WEEKEND

AMPOL SEMI-FINALS:

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

AUBURN v. PRAGUE — Redfern Oval 7.30 p.m.
APIA v. YUGAL — Redfern Oval, 9.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

III. grade 12.00; II. grade 1.30 p.m.; I. grade 3.15 p.m.

HAKOAH v. C'BURY — Wentworth Park
B'PEST v. P. HELLENIC — E.S. Marks Field

NEXT WEEKEND

AMPOL CUP FINALS

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

CONSOLATION FINAL (3rd and 4th place) — Redfern Oval 7.30 p.m.
FINAL — Redfern Oval 9.10 p.m.

FOR AND AGAINST

WE LIKED

● The true "trial match" spirit in which APIA-Wallsend was played last Sunday.

WE DID NOT LIKE

● The public-address was not functioning properly again on the Marks Field terraces last Friday night, and none at all at Lambert Park.

● No ball boys, score-board attendants nor ambulance-men at Wentworth Park when Pan Hellenic played George Cross.

● The scanty Press coverage of the Ampol Cup, and distorted reports, in two papers, about the George Cross v. Pan Hellenic game.